

District of Columbia Department of Human Services Family Services Administration (FSA)

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Fiscal Year 2024 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Short name: ERAP) RFA #DHS-FSA-2024024

Announcement Date:

RFA Release Date:

Pre-application Conference Date:

June 8, 2023

June 15, 2023

June 22, 2023

Application Submission Deadline: July 7, 2023 at 4:00:00PM

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LATE APPLICATIONS <u>WILL NOT</u> BE FORWARDED TO THE PANEL FOR REVIEW



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (FSA)

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EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The District of Columbia (District) Department of Human Services (DHS) Family Services Administration (FSA), hereinafter referred to as the "DHS/FSA" seeks eligible entities to provide crisis intervention services through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to families with minor child(ren) under the age of eighteen (18), persons sixty (60) years of older, persons with a disability, and individual (single) head of households who are non-elderly, non-disabled adults without minor children who are at imminent risk of homelessness to remain in or access permanent housing. The grantee will provide financial assistance and offer case management and/or referrals to other assistance, if appropriate. The amount available for the project is up to \$8M.The total grant amount is subject to change based on FY24 and option year's funding allocation. Providers will receive a baseline grant allocation at the beginning of the Fiscal Year. Additional funding and administrative costs will be determined by the availability of funds and the number of applications the provider processes.

Purpose/Description of the Project: This Notice of Funding Availability seeks to identify potential applicants that can provide ERAP for families and individuals, who are currently experiencing homelessness. The ERAP grant applicant should review ERAP applications submitted through the DHS .net platform as per the ERAP program regulations. The electronically submitted applications will be processed in the order they are received unless advised by DHS. The selected provider's assigned case manager must process and make an eligibility decision on a minimum of six (6) applications per day.

Eligibility: Non-profit community organizations, including those with IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determinations, faith-based organizations, such as churches, synagogues, mosques, or religiously based social service affiliates of such organizations, and private enterprises located in the District that have demonstrated experience working with vulnerable populations are encouraged to apply. Applications are also encouraged from collaborating community-based and faith-based organizations.

In addition to having the appropriate staff qualifications and experience performing services similar in size and scope to the requirements of this grant, eligible grantees must also demonstrate their intent and ability to:

- Process applications timely by utilizing all appropriate forms of communication to connect with applicants;
- Work with other organizations that can provide additional assistance that may be required in order to meet the needs of the customer through the continuum of care;
- Obtain appropriate licensure or have the ability to secure necessary licenses; and
- Have or can secure proper facilities to conduct business during normal business days and hours.

Length of Grant Award and Available Funding: Grantee(s) will be awarded funding based on the capacity to meet the requirements of the program. The award period for the grant will be from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The amount available for the project is up to \$8M for one base year with four option years, subject to funding availability.

RFA Release: The RFA will be released on **June 15, 2023**. A copy of the RFA may be obtained by the following means:

Download from the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services website under the District Grants Clearinghouse (http://opgs.dc.gov/page/opgs-district-grants-clearinghouse).

Email a request to Allison Tucker with "Request copy of RFA #DHS-FSA-2024" in the subject line.

Pick up a copy in person from the Department's reception desk, located at 64 New York Ave., 6th Fl., Washington, DC 20002. To make an appointment, call Allison Tucker at 202-538-0594 and mention this RFA by name.

Write DHS at 64 New York Ave., 6th Fl., Washington, DC 20002, "Attn: Allison Tucker RE: RFA #DHS-FSA-2024" on the outside of the envelope.

Deadline for Applications: The deadline for application submissions is July 7, 2023 at 4:00:00PM. Five hard copies must be submitted to the above address and a complete electronic copy must be e-mailed to allison.tucker@dc.gov. Late or incomplete applications will not be forwarded to the review panel.

For additional information, write to: Allison Tucker at allison.tucker@dc.gov.